

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant(s): Backes

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Stations Using Bid Techniques

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Commissioner for Patents

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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 8, 2006, please amend this application as follows: